POETRY FIRST, THEN PROSE

MAURICE FRANCIS EGAN'S WAY
TO SUCCESS IN WRITING.

The Travelled That Read Himself—
The Next Novel He is Going to WriteThe Next Nov

matic life?" suggested the reporter. Wait until I am through with being a diplomat myself and then maybe I will, said Dr. Egan. "It is too delicate a subject while one is in the service.

"My publishers asked me to write a novel along the line of the Sexton Maginnis stories that I had in the magazines, but I am out of touch with the subject You see Sexton Maginnis didn't live in Denmark, and I think it is a mistake to novel in mind which will deal with Philadelphia. The main character will be a good natured Irishman who is thrown into the rigid conventional atmosphere of Philadelphia with interesting results."

Dr. Egan still believes, as he used to the Catholic University in Washington, that poetry is the royal road to good writing, and sonnets most of all. sonnét, he contends, is something to be worked over and written and rewritten until it is as nearly perfect as the author can make it. The logical construction of this sort of poetry is good mental training. To learn to write prose start with verse

and lots of it. Then destroy the verse," Dr. Egan said. "There are too many sonnets printed nowadays. Few are able to write them properly. I rewrite mine

consisting of writing stories and later he was editor of man's Journal. Subsequently professor of English literatical in Washington, to harles Warren Steddard. Ington he became a close friend on Ecosevelt. It was Dr. excited President Rossevelts the movement for the revival is hanguage and folk literatures and the prants of lirish fairy-edit close for the chidren had an Irish nurse and regretted his inability some of the chidren's quest. The wonderful people their them converted to the chidren's quest. The wonderful people their them of Dr. Egan said there it related to the chidren's quest. The wonderful people their them of Dr. Egan said there it related to the chidren's quest. The many and sent a pile of books in that dealt with early Irish Those books made Mr. Rossevelt gave Dr. Egan of the chidren revival is Itakes me a month to get through one book. I expect my "case is quite an average case. But am I going to fetter my buying to my shelves because I know they are good, because I know they would amuse me and because I know they are good, because I know they are good, because I know they are good, because I know they would amuse me and because I know they are good, because I know they are good, because I know they are good, because I know they would amuse me and because I know they are good, because I

AN AMERICAN VIKING.

The Saga of Buffalo Jones's Exploits to

Appear This Month. "Spanking a grizzly and lassoing buf falces and, in Africa, a big rhino and a lioness, those are some of the feats that Buffalo Jones takes as a matter of course, refurbish a character when you feel you the lion house is the lioness Buffalo Jones have already exhausted it. But I have a roped in Africa. He is the most remarkable sportsman that ever lived. The exploit of his that I like best to think about, though it isn't half so remarkable as lassoing a lioness, is his spanking a grizzly in Yellowstone Park.

"The grizzlies had been getting teach his pupils in the English course at fresh and sassy in the park and had chewed off one visitor's leg. Jones got permission to discipline them. He just went out and hunted up the biggest and most dangerous of the lot. After a fierce fight he got it roped around the neck.

"They strung the rope across the limb of a tree and hauled up Mr. Grizzly. There it swung, howling and growling. Well, Buffalo Jones just came up and looked it over like a quiet old school teacher, and then he got a club and started spanking it.

"How he did whale that bad beast! It kicked and bit and yammered, but he suit just the tram mood.

Copenhagen, where he suc- publication,

body, Arnold Bennett discourses on the Mary Heaton Vorse, is also announced.

spends half a crown on Stubbs's 'Early of Glass," by Helen Mackay, author of the Plantagenets' instead of going into the just published novel "Half Loaves."

never mind! We do not all care to eat beefsteak and chip potatoes off an oak table with a foaming quart to the right We have our idiosyncrasies. hand. The point is that I existed on the bare necessaries of life (very healthy-doctors say) for a long time. And then just lately I summoned energy and caused 1,500 volumes to be transported to me; them to arrange themselves on shelves.

fectly infantile. It is fike the way of a child at a menagerie.

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not essential that I come to my argument. "Do you suppose the presence of these books after our long separation is making me read more than I did? Not a bit. The me read more than I did? Not a bit. The of "Don," which was presented by Mrs. other evening I had a long tram journey, Patrick Campbell in London this season. and before starting I tried to select a book to take with me. I couldn't find one to

ridiculous beauty, filthy finenesse, and principal of the Brooklyn Training School loathsome leveliness of most nations, for Teachers, and Madelene D. Barrum, fashioning and altering their bodies from teacher of English in the Brooklyn Training

BOOKS AND THEIR MAKERS.

Within less than a week after the publication of "The Legacy," Mary S. Watta's new novel, the first edition was exhausted and the second on sale, an interesting fact in connection with the circumstance that her previous novel, "Nathan Burke," started slowly, though it ultimately became a best seller. "The Legacy," has the same Ohlo seller. "The Legacy" has the same Ohio community setting as had "Nathan Burke."

Have but Not Necessarily to Open.

In his latest volume—not yet published of essays, "Mental Efficiency," a week. The first edition, increased twice up to 10,000 copies, proved barely enough to provide for advance orders. A second edition of "The Very Little Person," by

Among the recent novels published by Duffield and Company are: "Christopher Hibbault, Roadmaker," by Marguerite sion, "in buying a book be influenced by two considerations only. Are you reasonably sure that it is a good book? Have you a desire to possess it?

"Do not be influenced by the probability of reading it. After all, one does read a certain proportion of what one buys. And further, instinct counts. The man who spends half a crown on Stubbs's 'Early of Glass," by Helen Mackay, author of the

Mark Lee Luther in "The Sovereign Power," to be published next week, hereby brings himself out as one more author to deal with the fiction possibilities of love

The Macmillan Company publish this week: "Members of the Family," a novel, by Owen Wister: "Religion of Beauty in Women," chapters of a possible literary history of women," by Jefferson Butler Fletcher, professor of literature in Columbia University. "Characteristics of Frieiro. bia University: "Characteristics of Existing Glaciers," by William Herbert Hobbs, pro-fessor of geology in the University of

Murrell and Murrell's gang of slave stealers in Vaughan Kester's "The Prodigal Judge" were real personages in the early life of the Mississippi Valley, and Murrell actually planned to devastate the entire region between the Ohio and New Orleans by rousing the blacks against the whites. The discovery of his plot and his arrest occurred much as given in "The Prodigal

Murrell, who boasted of something like fifty murders by his own hand, is mentioned in only one other work of fiction, Mark Twain's "Tom Sawyer," and the treasure found by Tom and Huck in the haunted house was supposed to have been buried by Murrell's gang.

Said William T. Hornaday of the New and I arranged them on shelves, and I Napoleon I. has recently been unearthed York Zoological Park. "Over there in rearranged them on shelves, and I left in the archives of the French War Office by them to arrange themselves on shelves.

"Well, you know, the way that I walk up and down in front of those volumes whose faces I had half forgotten is perfectly infantile. It is fike the way of a lished in the fall by Duffield & Company. who also published this spring Norwood Young's "The Growth of Napoleon." The

Augustus Thomas's play "As a Man there in a cage by himself, because of his terrible hugeness, is the 1652 Paris edition of Montaigne's Essays. And so I might continue, and so I would continue were it to the second of the second of the continue and so I would continue were it to the second of the sec Thinks" is to be brought out soon by Man Thinks" has been preceded on Duffields list by Rostand's "Chantecler," "Don," "The Earth" and "The Arrow Maker," and shortly they are to publish "Lady Patricia," by Rudolf Resier, author

"How he did whale that bad beast! It from twenty to forty times before I am stissed with them and that's why I don't produce more.

They are invaluable as a training in siterary style. My first real literary style. Theoritus, which appeared in the Century Magazine. Whatever success I have had in writing is due to my practice with sonnets and to the kindly and helpful criticism that Charles A. Dana of The Sun gave me as a young man.

"I was still a young fellow when I wrote my first story," continued Dr. Egan in response to a question as to how he began his literary career. "I had been learning Italian and I started out as most youngsters do by writing of a country I when we would have caused he down it would attack the whole bunch. But there is a curious psychological fact about him. Many people, the ramage of the series, "Belgium of the Religions," by bemetrius Rouler, and Turkey of the obliged to settle on something, and in the series, "Belgium of the Religions," by bemetrius Rouler, and Turkey of the obliged to settle on something and to catch the tram I was obliged to settle on something and in the real was obliged to settle on something and in the series, "Belgium of the Suiginas," by bemetrius Rouler, and Turkey of the boliged to settle on something and in the real was obliged to settle on something and in the real would series, "Flat to catch the tram I was obliged to settle on something and in the real with monthing more original than the literary were and a to series, "Belgium of the deal without feat Two volumes in the "Countries and People

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From 1868 to 1807 he held professorships, first at Cornell, then at the University of Cincinnati, and again at Cornell. Along with his teaching he has found time for much writing and editing. His volume on "German Universities" was long the only popular book on the subject in English. Much of his important work has been contributed to philological periodicals.

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